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SIERRA CHAMPION

Torrance Third In CIF Playoffs

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Coach Will Boerger is in the process of compiling the countless statistics involving his Torrance High basketball team.

While he might be troubled over the failure of his team to win the CIF AAA basketball championship last weekend, Boerger is anxious to make known the outstanding achievements of his varsity which recorded a 31-2 season. Not since Beverly Hills' 30-1 record of 1956 has a local league member won 30 games.

Torrance, 69-55

Torrance (69)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Johnson	4	13	2	21
Kreul	5	3	3	13
Doye	1	0	0	3
Fisher	12	1	1	14
Carpenter	6	2	1	14
Thompson	2	0	0	1
Oliver	1	0	1	2
Crockett	0	0	0	0
Whitney	0	0	0	0
Troup	0	0	0	0
Owens	0	0	0	0
Guiden	0	0	0	0
Rosch	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	13	6	69

While awaiting the final tabulations, an unofficial tally shows Bart Johnson with 663 points in 29 of his team's 33 games. Another year like that and he could break the all-time CIF scoring record.

Bart scored 21 points in Game Number 33 against Crescenta Valley Saturday afternoon. Torrance won, 69-55, to take third place in the CIF playoffs. Johnson had 13 free throws and Robin Fisher had 12.

Boerger was pleased the Tartars bounced back from an 83-77 loss to Sierra High Friday to win the "consolation" game.

Sierra came into the quarter-finals as a darkhorse third seeded entry and eventually won the title with a 61-60 upset over two-time champion Long Beach Poly.

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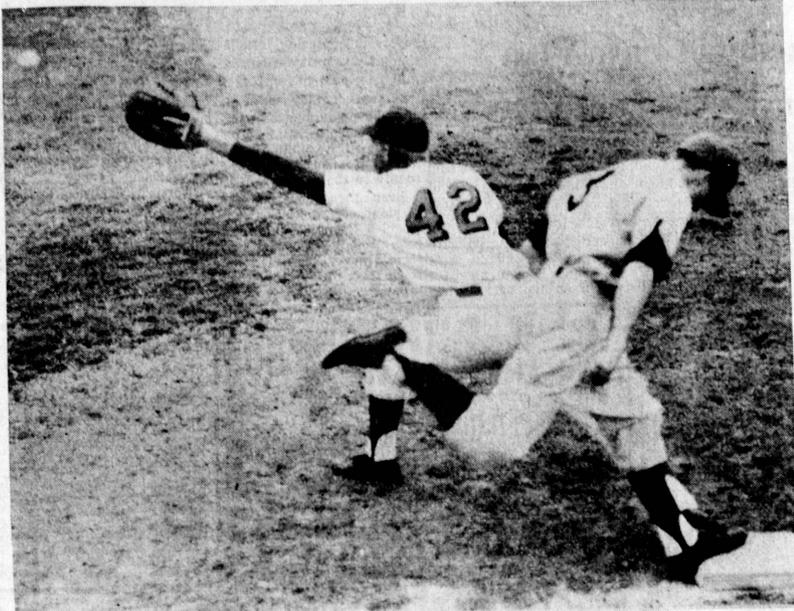
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REACHING FIRST SAFELY... Gene Cook of Redondo High gets aboard on a bobbled hit to shortstop. Stretching to take the late throw is Steve Hertzog of South. In the game at Redondo's Memorial Field the Seahawks scored five runs in the first inning to beat South by a 5-4 score.

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(Press-Herald photo)

Torrance, West Win Opening Ball Games

The Pioneer League and Sky League baseball season got under way yesterday with both West High and Torrance in victory lane.

West beat Palos Verdes, 4-3, while El Segundo blanked Lawndale, 7-0, and Lennox downed Aviation, 3-1, in the Pioneer League.

Torrance had a shutout against Rolling Hills, 2-0, in its opener. Leuzinger tripped Morningside, 4-1, and Beverly Hills nipped Culver City, 2-1, in other games.

The Pioneer League will resume tomorrow with the same opponents exchanging home fields. West will play Palos Verdes at home.

Bay League

W	L	Pct.	GB
Santa Monica	2	0	1.000
Redondo	1	0	1.000
North	2	1	.667
Hawthorne	1	1	.500
South	1	2	.333
Mira Costa	1	2	.333
Ingewood	0	2	.000

Yesterday's Results
North 5, South 4
North 6, Mira Costa 1
Hawthorne 0, Ingewood 0
(Called darkness 10 innings)

Tomorrow's Games
Redondo at South
North at Mira Costa
Hawthorne at Ingewood

Portland To Meet L.A. Twice

First place Portland will make its final Western Hockey League visit to the Sports Arena Thursday and Saturday against the Los Angeles Blades.

The Blades have found more success with the league leaders than any other team, winning four of the nine matches, breaking even in four encounters here.

Two weeks ago the Blades gave Portland its worst defeat in history with a 10-0 triumph.

The Bucks bounced back the next week to blank L.A., 2-0, as goalie Dave Kelly shut out the Blades for the second time this season. Kelly is the only goalie to blank the Blades.

But the 2-0 game was not a common one in a season series that has averaged 9.5 goals per game with the Bucks holding a 42-36 edge.

Portland winger, Gerry Goyer, has scored 10 goals against the Blades, the most by any WHL player this season.

However, L.A.'s Leo LaBine has 11 goals in the series for top scoring honors.

Fencing Held in Torrance

In a fencing duel between Palos Verdes and Torrance Fencing Club, winners were named in the women's and men's division last week in Torrance.

First place in the women's division was Joyce Emerzian, of the Palos Verdes Academy; Esther Excovida, second place, Palos Verdes, and Terrea Jones, third place, Torrance.

In the men's division first, second and third place winners were Ronnie Kriens, Palos Verdes, Kip June, Torrance Fencing Club, and Mike Quinn, Torrance Fencing Club.

The bouts were held under the direction of John Kriens, Palos Verdes Fencing Academy and Shattuc Jones of the Torrance Fencing Club.

Teenagers and adults are invited to join this club which meets at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Joslyn Center.

The Torrance Fencing Club is one of five activity Charter Clubs sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Panthers Win In Soccer Play

In the youth soccer regional playoffs at Mar Vista Playground Saturday, the Torrance Panthers defeated the Huskies, 1-0, on an overtime goal by David Adair.

Hawks Edge South, 5-4

Redondo broke into the Bay League baseball scene with a 5-4 home victory over South yesterday. The Seahawks staved off two late rallies to salvage a 5-run first inning at Memorial Field.

The game ended with relief pitcher Dan Doty continued on home and was thrown out.

Eddie Gliddens pitched a 6-hitter. He gave up three hits in the sixth inning, including a two-run triple by Pat Adkins. Holmes walked and Doty singled in the seventh.

Dana Clyde and Bob Kramer got two hits apiece for Redondo.

Glenn Thompson was the starter for South and was relieved in the sixth after his arm stiffened.

North High, a strong contender for the Bay League baseball title, put together six runs in four innings to defeat Mira Costa, 6-1, in a home game yesterday.

Jeff Osborn followed his 3-for-4 against Hawthorne last Thursday with 2-for-3 against Costa. He got two RBIs to extend his season total to six as well.

The win gave North a 2-1 record. The Saxons return to the ball diamond tomorrow at Mira Costa.

Pitcher Wade gave up an unearned run in the second inning yesterday, but he scattered five hits and fanned six Mustangs.

Coach Jim O'Brien of North said a home game next week against Redondo will be played Monday instead of the usual Tuesday date.

Track Team Lacks Depth

Bishop Montgomery's track team coached by Jim Arnaiz, Mike Antista, and Fred Dickson, is lacking depth, but is well-balanced.

Ten varsity lettermen returning are Tom Haas, last year's league champion in the pole vault; Rick DeNuccio, David Byrum, and John Sullivan, championship contenders. Returning lettermen from the JV are Steve Chaney, Rick McGuern, and Mark Keith.



NICK CAROLLO Heavyweight Champion KEN WYATT 145-Pound Champion

El Camino Rules Wrestling Again

It's great to be a champion! But for three consecutive years the El Camino College wrestling team has captured the state junior college wrestling title.

More than 1,500 fans watched El Camino compile 78 points, 14 better than runner-up Bakersfield College, to win the title again Saturday at Fresno College.

El Camino's two state champions, Kent Wyatt and heavyweight Nick Carollo, retained their crowns in impressive style.

Wyatt scored an easy 6-2 decision over American River's Jim Goddard, at 145 pounds, while Carollo registered his third pin in four bouts to stop San Bernardino's John Sachs in 2:55 of their heavyweight final.

Carollo was named "outstanding wrestler" for the tournament.

Ed Acosta, 130 lbs., and Dwight Fritz, 177 lbs., grabbed second place awards for the Warriors.

Third place finishes went to Dan Guevara, 115 lbs., and Glen Engel, 191 lbs.

Curt Adler, 137 lbs., was fourth in his weight and Charles Horvatos was fifth at 160 lbs.

Coach Dave Hengstler, wrestling mentor for the bined.

Abalone Season Resins

The sportfishing season for abalones begins today and run through Jan. 14, the California Department of Fish and Game has announced.

Bag limit is five abalones in combination of all species and minimum size limits, measured in greatest shell diameter, are 7 inches for red abalone, 6 1/2 inches for green abalone, 6 inches for pink abalone, 5 inches for black abalone, and 6 inches for all species of abalone.

Several regulations abalone fishermen should be familiar with before braving the briny in search of this delicious mollusk:

- Fishing hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Every person while taking abalones shall carry a device which is capable of measuring accurately the size of the abalones taken.
- Each abalone which has been detached but is not retained must be replaced immediately, by hand, with the shell outward, to the same surface of the rock occupied before detachment.
- Legal-size abalones must be brought ashore above the high water mark attached to their shells and alive. Abalones not in the shell may not be transported or possessed except when being prepared for immediate consumption.

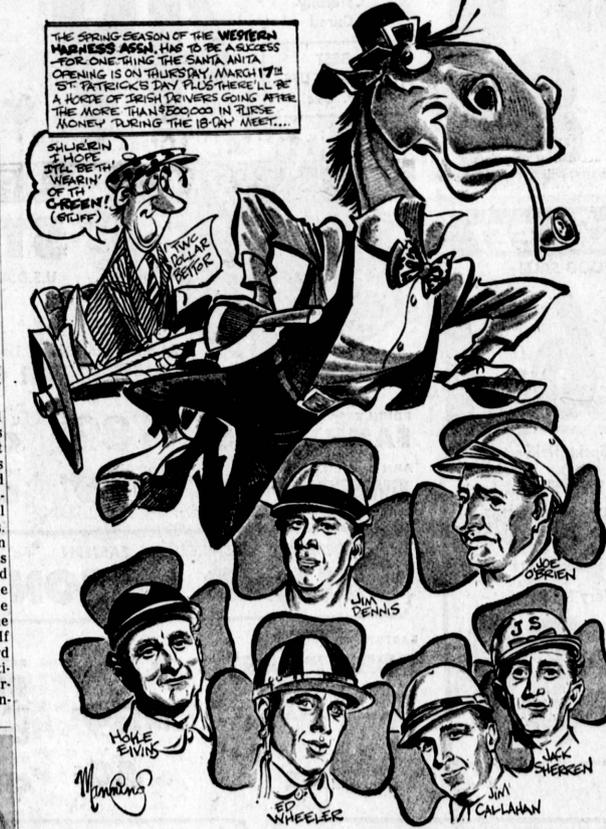
Post-Season Games Set In Basketball

The hottest two-day event in the history of the National Basketball Association may find post-season games being scheduled to determine the participants in the playoffs.

"If there is a tie for either first or third place," explained Walter Kennedy, N.B.A. commissioner, "it will be resolved by a game to be played immediately following the conclusion of the regular season.

The site of the game will be determined on the basis of the season's won and lost record between the two teams involved. If the record against each other is identical, the site of the game will be determined by a coin toss.

"If two teams in a division are tied in percentage points for second place at the end of the regular season, the season's record between the two teams will determine which shall finish second. If the won and lost record against each other is identical, a coin toss will determine second place," said Kennedy.



Harness Racing Resumes

Some 10,000 racing fans will celebrate St. Patrick's Day tomorrow by picking winners from talented Irish trotting horse pilots such as Joe O'Brien, Jim Dennis, Hoyle Elvins, Jack Sherren, Eddie Wheeler and Jimmy Callahan as the spring harness racing association gets under way at Santa Anita.

The four-week season opens at 1 p.m. and it will commemorate the 20th birthday of Western Harness Racing Association.

Highlighting the St. Patrick's Day curtain-raiser at Santa Anita will be the \$7,000 Pasadena Pace. Sharon Irishman, Midnight Fire and Arabella Dares are scheduled to go postward. The two last named steeds will be handled by Jack Sherren and Joe O'Brien.

Sharon Irishman, who wintered at Del Mar, accounted for two victories and two seconds in six starts at Hollywood Park last fall, including a 2:00 2/5 mile win in a \$5,000 feature. Midnight Fire also took down a \$5,000 feature event with a mile in 1:59 3/5, while Arabella was never worse than third in any of her seven starts at Hollywood Park.

Other stout contenders eligible to the Pasadena include Tarpo Prince, Frosty Dale, Roswell, Lady Duane and Lumber Add.



RODEO QUEEN... Pretty Didi Kendrick will reign over the five performances of professional rodeo at the Long Beach Arena, March 25-26-27. A senior at Progress School in Long Beach, she is 17 years of age and has been riding since she was 11. She is California State Equestrian Trails Queen.